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**International Search Report issued in connection with International Application
No. PCT/EP01/12185, mailed March 6, 2002:**

U.S. Patent No. 5,796,239, issued to van Phuoc et al., August 18, 1998.

U.S. Patent No. 5,883,493, issued to Koenck, March 16, 1999.

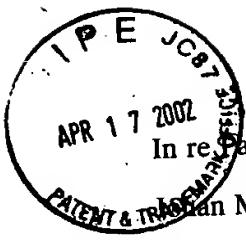
U.S. Patent No. 4,709,202, issued to Koenck et al., November 24, 1987.

Patent Abstract (English translation) associated with Japanese Patent
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The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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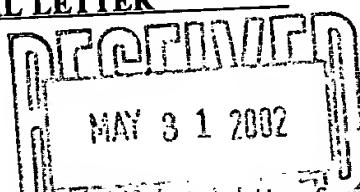
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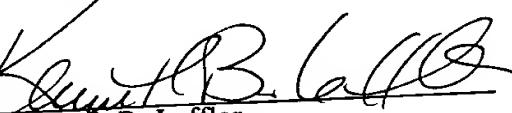
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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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